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Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center Receives the 2017 Women’s Choice Award® as one of America’s Best Hospitals for Obstetrics

HARTFORD, Conn. January 10, 2017 – Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been named as one of America’s Best Hospitals for Obstetrics by the Women’s Choice Award®, America’s trusted referral source for the best in healthcare. The award signifies Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is in the top 17% of 2,815 U.S. hospitals offering obstetrics.

The methodology for America’s Best Hospital for Obstetrics Award is unique in that it combines national accreditations, Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey results and hospital outcome scores with primary research about women’s health care preferences. It is the only award recognizing excellence in obstetric services based on robust criteria that consider patient satisfaction and clinical excellence.

The America’s Best Hospitals for Obstetrics distinction is based on the following specific criteria:

• The percentage of patients reporting through the HCAHPS survey that they would definitely recommend the hospital

• Patient safety ranking based on 11 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ measures of infection and complication rates

• Presence of a level III or level IV neonatal intensive care unit onsite (NICU)

• Low rates of early elective deliveries (between 0-1%)
• Baby-Friendly USA designation, a World Health Organization (WHO)/United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) initiative to support best practices for breast feeding education and counseling

“Pregnancy is one of the most special times in a woman’s life,” said Delia Passi founder and CEO of the Women’s Choice Award. “Our award gives a woman the confidence that her choice of a hospital for her delivery will be the best in terms of quality care and patient safety for her and her baby. As the trend of women waiting longer to start their families continues, having the Women’s Choice Award seal is especially important for older moms who face increased risk and need a top hospital to provide her care.”

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is one of 484 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for obstetrics across the U.S.

“Birth is one of the most joyous and exciting times that a family will share. Our goal is to do all that we can to ensure that the birth experience reflects the needs and desires of every mother and family,” said Phillip Roland, M.D., chairman OB/GYN. “This Women’s Choice Award is validation of our physicians, nurses and staff for the work they do every day in bringing the highest quality health care to mothers and newborns.”

For more information on the America’s Best Hospitals for Obstetrics visit https://www.womenschoiceaward.com/awarded/healthcare/

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About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center
Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health - New England, an integrated health care delivery system that is a member of Trinity Health, Livonia, MI, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women’s Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Saint Francis Medical Group.

ABOUT THE WOMEN’S CHOICE AWARD®
The Women’s Choice Award® is a trusted referral source, empowering women to make smart healthcare choices by identifying the country’s best healthcare institutions based on robust criteria that consider female patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. The Women’s Choice Award was recently honored by the INC 5000 List of America’s Fastest-Growing Private Companies in 2016 for a second consecutive year. Visit http://www.womenschoiceaward.com/ to learn more.

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